

REMARKS

Claims 60-71, 73, 75-83 and 85-87 are in the application.

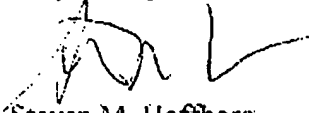
Claims 60 and 80 are amended to withdraw from the scope an antiviral composition. Accordingly, claims 72, 74, 84 are cancelled as being directed to the withdrawn claim scope.

Upon indication of allowability, applicants will provide a terminal disclaimer in view of US 6,586,404.

Applicants' undersigned attorney conducted a brief telephone interview with the Examiner on March 29, 2004, during which time the Examiner expressed that he maintained the belief that the use of an antiviral composition with glutathione, in a pharmaceutical formulation, was within the scope of the prior art.

Applicants have therefore presented claims that withdraw from consideration this feature, without prejudice or disclaimer with respect to raising this issue again in a continuation application. On the other hand, it is believed that the present claim amendments resolve all outstanding issues, render the claims allowable, and allow prosecution on the merits to be efficiently brought to a conclusion. An early Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,


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